

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1-19. (cancelled)
20. (currently amended) A composition comprising a flocculant comprising soybean protein with a concentration of at least about 15 grams/liter.
21. (currently amended) The ~~flocculant~~ composition of claim 20, wherein the soybean protein has a concentration of about 15-120 grams/liter.
22. (currently amended) The ~~flocculant~~ composition of claim 20, wherein the soybean protein has been subjected to thermal treatments.
23. (currently amended) The ~~flocculant~~ composition of claim 22, wherein the thermal treatment is 121°C.
24. (currently amended) The ~~flocculant~~ composition of claim 23, wherein the thermal treatment is at 1.5 atm.
25. (currently amended) The ~~flocculant~~ composition of claim 24, wherein the thermal treatment is for 20 minutes.
- 26-57. cancelled)
58. (new) A method of flocculating industrial wastewater comprising obtaining a composition comprising soybean protein with a concentration of at least about 15 grams/liter, and adding the composition to wastewater, wherein the composition increases the

settling rate of suspended particles and/or increases the volume of settled sludge.

59. (new) The method of claim 58 wherein the composition has a concentration of soybean protein of about 15-120 grams/liter.

60. (new) The method of claim 59 wherein the composition has a concentration of soybean protein of about 100 grams/liter.

61. (new) The method of claim 58 wherein the soybean protein has been subjected to thermal treatments of 121°C and 1.5 atm. for 20 minutes.

62. (new) The method of claim 58 wherein the pH is adjusted to a range of about 5.8 to about 6.6.

63. (new) The method of claim 58, wherein the soybean protein is introduced in a dosage of about 0.2 ml/liter to 1 ml/liter.

64. (new) The method of claim 58, wherein the industrial wastewater is from the dyeing industry.